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MEETING AND PAKISTAN DONORS CONFERENCE

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¶1. (C) MOFA officials March 5 briefed selected members of the diplomatic community concerning Japan's plans to host back-to-back meetings on April 17 of the Friends of Democratic Pakistan Group and a Pakistan Donors Conference. According to MOFA Southwest Asia Division Director Yusuke Shindo, other than the date, plans still remain tentative, and he asked that the information conveyed be treated as confidential. The information shared at the briefing follows.

JAPANESE EXPECTATIONS

¶2. (C) Shindo explained that Japan has taken the initiative to host these meetings due to the deteriorating conditions in both Pakistan and Afghanistan, and noted that Japan views these problems as a single, regional issue. Tokyo hopes that the participants will be represented at the ministerial level and that they will pledge generously to help alleviate the short-term economic challenges facing Pakistan. The Friends of Pakistan meeting is designed to focus on mid and long-term political and economic challenges facing Pakistan, while the Donors Conference is meant to help address short-term economic difficulties and to fill the gap between what the IMF has already agreed to provide and other remaining economic needs. While this amount has yet to be determined, preliminary estimates are that approximately USD 4 billion is

still needed.

DATE AND VENUE

¶3. (C) The meetings will both be held on April 17. The Friends of Democratic Pakistan Group will be held in the morning. The Pakistan Donors Conference will be held in the afternoon. The meetings will take place in a Tokyo hotel that still has yet to be determined.

PARTICIPANTS

¶4. (C) The following countries and international organizations make up a tentative list of invitees: Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States, United Kingdom, the European Union, the Asian Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Islamic Development Bank, the United Nations, UNICEF, UNDP, UNHCR, and World Bank. (NOTE: Representatives of all the countries listed except Saudi Arabia and Indonesia attended the MOFA briefing. The Pakistani Embassy was also represented. END NOTE.)

¶5. (C) Shindo stated that although the membership for the two groups (Friends of Pakistan and the Donors) are not the same, all delegations will be invited to both meetings.

¶6. (C) The Friends of Democratic Pakistan meeting will be hosted by the government of Pakistan, which will issue the invitations. Pakistani Prime Minister Zardari will chair the meeting, and Japanese Prime Minister Aso will participate.

¶7. (C) The Pakistan Donors Conference will be hosted by Japan and, MOFA hopes, the World Bank. Foreign Minister Nakasone will chair.

¶8. (C) In response to questions regarding delegation size, Shindo indicated each participant would be allowed one principal at the table, accompanied by two or three backbenchers.

AGENDAS

¶9. (C) The tentative agenda for the Friends of Democratic Pakistan Group is as follows:

- Opening session; Opening statements (Pakistan, Japan, etc.)
- Report on results of experts meeting (Pakistan); focus on energy, development, security, and institution building
- Free discussion
- Working lunch

¶10. (C) The tentative agenda for the Pakistan Donors Conference is as follows:

- Pakistan's financial needs for the next two years (Pakistan, others)
- Pledging session (three minutes for each country/organization)
- Closing session; adoption of joint statement, determination of total pledges
- Press conference

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